

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 06.15.16

Wasserman Park, Function Hall

6:30pm

Attendees: Chris Christensen, Christine Lavoie, Julie Poole, Rick Greenier – MYA, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Shannon Barnes – School Board Alternate Member and Dan Dwyer – Town Council and Michelle Cushman

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Laura Jaynes and Dan Ricker

Public: Paul Micali, Daniel Figueroa and Carol Figueroa

Start time: 6:33pm

1 Open Meeting/Introduction

2 Approval of minutes from May 18th, 2016

- Christine Lavoie made the motion to accept the May Meeting Minutes
- Maureen Hall 2nd the motion
- 6-0-2 motion passed

3 New Business

- Discussion on Frazier Square Memorial – Paul Micali
 - “Christmas” Tree at the Square was dedicated to Duncan Frazier and this tree was marked to be removed for this project
 - Proposal is to move the tree, bricks and fallen soldier monument to Watson Park
 - Possible dimensions: base 6-10 feet, 10 feet wide with a 4 foot wide path leading up to it
 - Maureen Hall made the proposal to move forward with moving the fallen soldier monument to Watson Park
 - Julie Poole 2nd the motion
 - 8-0-0 motion passed
- Eagle Scout Project Proposal - Daniel Figueroa – Dog Park Sponsorship Sign
 - Daniel Figueroa, Troop 424, presented proposal to create a Dog Park Sponsorship Sign
 - Sign would be 6 X 8 with sponsors names listed
 - Fund Raising would held over the summer to cover the cost of the supplies
 - See attachment for presentation of exact view of sign
 - Shannon Barnes made the motion to except the Dog Park Sponsorship Sign Project for Wasserman Park
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 8-0-0 motion passed
- Review Committee Members with expiring terms - intention to renew?
 - Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Jackie Flood and Dan Ricker are up for renewal
 - Laura Jaynes and Christine Lavoie have accepted renewal
 - Jackie Flood declined
 - Dan Ricker still needs to accept or decline
 - 1 Full and 2 Alternative Members are open
- Annual Elections of Committee Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary
 - Dan Dwyer made the nominate Chris Christensen for President
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 8-0-0 motion passed
 - Chris Christensen made the motion for Laura Jaynes for Vice President
 - Shannon Barnes 2nd the motion

- 8-0-0 motion passed
- Christine Lavoie nominated Michelle Cushman for Secretary
- Dan Dwyer 2nd the motion
- 8-0-0 motion passed
- Review of Parks & Recreation Ordinances - Matt Casparius
 - See attachment for Ordinances
 - Matt Casparius made recommendations for updates for the Ordinance and committee agreed – see attachment
- Review of Fall Recreation Program Proposals - Matt Casparius
 - Possible new fall programs include: School Vacation Program, Drama, Acting and Music Workshops, Drop in Gym Program, Special Olympics runs program called Young Athletes Trail Race for Halloween, Snow Shoe Run, Holiday Craft Nights, House Decorating Contest, Teen Center Activities, Birthday Parties, Cooking Classes and Stand Up Paddle Boarding

4 Old Business

- Update on O’Gara Drive Tennis Courts - Matt Casparius
 - Town Council received approval from State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Division of Parks and Recreation to declare the Tennis Courts obsolete
 - The entire site will be reviewed for future use which includes tennis courts, skateboard park and basketball court
- Update from the Friends of the Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie and Matt Casparius
 - Fundraising Update: Income: \$867.50 Expenses: \$0 Net: \$56,102.35 (counting PetSafe)
 - Approval of new Dog Park Expenses - \$45.51
 - Maureen Hall made the motion to approve the reimbursement of the expense of \$45.51
 - Julie Poole 2nd the motion
 - 8-0-0 motion passed
 - Project Update
 - Rebidding in progress
 - Upcoming Fundraisers

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Received thank you letter from Merrimack Elementary Schools
 - See attachment for letter
- Invitation from Merrimack Public Library – Cupcake Wars
 - Sports and Recreation Theme and 2 judges are needed for the event
 - July 7th for 4pm - still needed
 - July 14th 6pm - Julie Poole
- Wasserman Park Improvements Update
 - Sprinkler System in Function Hall is almost complete
 - 22 new windows were installed in the Function Hall
 - Basement in the Function Hall has been updated
 - Demolition of Wasserman House and one Cabin
 - T-ball field is under renovation
- Summer Programs Update
 - 662 registrations are in and Camp starts June 27th
 - Summer Concert Series starts soon
- Summer Movie Nights
 - Friday, June 17th Star Wars: The Force Awakens 8:15 pm at Abbie Griffin Park and is sponsored by the Merrimack Lion’s Club, 99 Restaurant is donating popcorn, **Friends are donating** and Chic-fil-a is donating Sweet Tea
 - Friday, July 15th Finding Nemo 8:00 pm at Abbie Griffin Park and is sponsored by the Merrimack Lion’s Club

- Thursday, Aug 25th Minions 7:30 pm at Wasserman Park and is sponsored by iHeart Radio Boston Kiss 108
- 4th of July Information
 - 30 groups have signed up for the parade and volunteers needed
- Miscellaneous Department Updates
 - Watson Park Yard Sale is June 18th
 - Lake Naticook Association is having their meeting at Wasserman Park

6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
 - June 23rd – Super-Stars of Country
 - July 6th – Interlakes Summer Theater
 - July – The Hay Day of the Big Bands
 - August 10th – Cruise for Mt. Washington
 - September 7th - Cape Cod Canal Cruise & Sandwich Glass Museum
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Sports currently in session include baseball, and lacrosse and soccer are wrapping up
 - Secretary gave resignation
 - MYA Member At Large open
- Town Council –Dan Dwyer
 - Tennis Court is what should be going to council next
- School Board – Shannon Barnes
 - June 20th is last day of school
 - Tennis Courts and space there will be under review

7 Comments from the Public - was nothing

8 Comments from the Committee - was nothing

9 Future Meeting Dates

- No meeting in July
- Wednesday, August 17th

10 Adjourn at 8:01pm

- Dan Dwyer made the motion to adjourn at 8:01pm
- Shannon Barnes 2nd the motion
- 8-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Cushman